

**Lanesboro City Council**  
**Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**  
**Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Rahn, Dybing, Allen, Jeannette and O'Connor

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Butch Culbertson, Julia Borgen, Gerry Evenson, Ed Taylor, Lisa Brainard, Jade Wangen, Brian Luna, Rich Horihan, Rick Lamon and Tom Manion

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rahn.

Additions or Changes to the agenda consisted of adding a Chamber report from Brian Luna.

O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes, second Jeannette, motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a motion by Allen, second O'Connor, motion carried.

**PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

**A. Grocery Store Group – Rick Lamon, Ed Taylor, Julia Borgen and Rich Horihan:**

Rick Lamon spoke on behalf of the group. He noted that the Council members should have in their packets a letter from the members of the Grocery Store LLC. Lamon noted that the group has done a lot of research and have found that there is a lot of passion for a grocery store and that the best option is to rebuild in the same location that the store is at. He noted that the estimated project would be about 1.1 million and he noted that someone that would be running a grocery store would see a return on their investment if some loan dollars could be secured. Lamon noted that the group is very interested in getting this project going, but with so many moving parts it is difficult to pull it all together and no one from the group has the time to do that. He noted that they had asked the Public Utilities to support, along with the City, hiring someone to pull it all together and to seek out funding for the grocery store. The recommendation from the group was to work with SEMDC, since they have already finished a business plan with them. Vickerman noted that in the packet the Council has a contract from Ron Ziegler from SEMDC in regards to what a contract would cost. Vickerman also noted that prior to receiving this quote, the Public Utilities agreed to pay half of the cost, not to exceed the \$10,000 total. O'Connor made a motion for the City to enter into the contract, along with the Public Utilities, with SEMDC, for the amount not to exceed \$8,000, noting that the EDA has \$3,500 of operating funds that could be used, and that a three person committee comprised of O'Connor, Vickerman and Borgen meet every two weeks with SEMDC to report on project, to keep the project moving, second Dybing, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

**A. Public Utilities: January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup> - O'Connor:** O'Connor reported that the discussions for both meetings revolved around the grocery store, dam project, street lights and an AT&T piggy back antenna on the north water tower. He also noted that the electrical demand has been down and that excess capacity for 2010 will not be worth as much as 2009. Also he noted that a policy will be created in regards to energy conservation and the CIP funds distribution and that a policy managing solar and wind power implementation into our electrical grid will be looked at.

**B. Library: January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> - Allen:** Allen reported that the Friends of the Library has a new president Brian Luna. She also noted that the hot reads program is going strong, the daily trivia is a hit and that there will be a special program on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also noted that the donation jar had been taken from the Library desk after hours.

**C. P&Z: January 12<sup>th</sup> - Dybing:** Dybing reported that the P&Z met and discussed the new zoning ordinance and also discussed adding solar panels and wind generators to the new ordinance.

**D. EDA: February 1<sup>st</sup> – Jeannette:** Jeannette reported that the grocery store was the main topic of discussion at the EDA meeting. The EDA recommends appointing Keith Baker to the EDA. Allen made a motion to appoint Keith Baker to the EDA, second Jeannette, motion carried.

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

**A. Paying of the Bills:** Rahn made a motion to pay bills as presented, except for the elevator bill from the state, second Jeannette, motion carried.

**B. Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts for 2010 and 2011:** Vickerman noted that the proposed budget cuts for 2010 and 2011 from the governor were \$51,000 and \$39,965 respectively. O'Connor proposed that a committee be formed to make suggestions for possible cuts. Rahn and Dybing both volunteered, along with Jeannette. Vickerman noted that only two members could be a part. Rahn, Dybing and Vickerman will be the budget committee that will meet to make suggestions for budget cuts.

**C. Wine License for Kari's:** Jeannette made a motion to approve the wine license with strong beer, second Allen, motion carried.

**D. County Ambulance Contract:** Dybing made a motion to sign the County Ambulance contract, second Jeannette, motion carried.

**E. Wedding at 600 Kenilworth:** Vickerman explained that the couple wanted to host their child's wedding at their home, council members felt this was not a problem but ask the residents to contact their neighbors as a courtesy.

**F. AT&T Cell Tower :** Vickerman noted that the Public Utilities members approved the tower and that it would be a visible antenna above the water tower. O'Connor made a motion to approve the piggyback tower as long as it will not interfere with T-Mobile's equipment, second Jeannette, motion carried.

**G. Pay Equity Report:** Vickerman noted that she submitted the Pay Equity Report noting that over the past few years we had not used the step increases, rather gave a base raise for all employees, she noted she is awaiting to see if the City was approved.

**H. Lion's Raffle:** O'Connor made a motion to approve the permit, second Allen, motion carried.

**I. Lion's Liquor Permit:** Jeannette made a motion to approve the Lion's liquor permit for the 27<sup>th</sup> of March bean bag tournament.

**J. EDA New Member:** This item was completed under the Committee Reports

**K. Dam Update:** Vickerman noted that the Public Utilities approved applying for the full loan amount for the Dam and Hydro, noting that the dam was still in the bonding bill and hopefully some state assistance will be available.

**L. Bean Bag Review:** Vickerman reported that the bean bag tournament at the end of January made \$1,150.00 and was a great success. Vickerman thanked all that made it such a great success.

**M. Earth Day Events:** Vickerman noted that the Park Board does not meet until March, so she is asking the Council about putting a tent up for the Earth Day events. Eagle Bluff is asking to do so that the event can be more centralized in the Park. O'Connor made a motion to allow the tent in the park, second Jeannette, motion carried. Vickerman also noted that we may have to pay to have Waste Management have the City wide clean up day and asked if the Council wanted to provide this service this year, she noted that she felt it has been a success. O'Connor made a motion to approve, second Jeannette, motion carried.

**N. Grocery Store TIF:** Vickerman noted that one option the grocery store group was looking at was a TIF. Dybing asked if Tax Abatement has been explored, to which Vickerman said it had

not. Vickerman noted that Bubany would be at the next meeting and he could give a breakdown of each and how it would effect the project.

**O. Meeting with Davids and Ropes:** Vickerman noted that she could attend the Davids event but not Ropes. O'Connor, Allen and Dybing felt they could make the Ropes event.

**P. Capital Planning Meeting:** Vickerman reminded Council that it will be a joint meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> and Mike Bubany will be there to do Capital Improvement Planning.

**Q. Brian Luna – Chamber:** Brian Luna discussed the plan for the Jack Frost event in December noting that he is asking for the City's support for a community event. He also is asking, on behalf of the Chamber, for electrical outlets to be installed on six of the Coffee Street light poles. O'Connor made a motion to approve Luna's requests, second Allen, motion carried.

**R. Citizens Comments:** Brian Luna said he was switching gears and was now speaking with the Council as the Friends of the Library President. He is asking all Council Members and many more to be a friend of the library.

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:**

Dybing made a motion to adjourn, second Jeannette, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman  
City Administrator/Clerk